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Annual Harvest Dinner is Thursday, October 24



Kathy and Duane Vosburg with apple pressing demonstration at the Sept. 20 Heritage Days.

The Chesterfield Historical Society will be hosting their annual Harvest Dinner on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at Zuccaro Banquet Center, 46601 N. Gratiot in Chesterfield Township. Your \$25 donation features music by Wood, Hood and Johnson. The trio includes guitar, bass, and flute/sax. Mr. Hood is the proprietor of local music business One-A-Chord Music. The menu will include Roast Beef, Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,

Vegetables, Pasta, Salads, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Pop, and a Cash Bar. Tickets are available from historical society members, the Chesterfield Twp. Treasurer's Office, or by contacting Eileen at 586-749-3713 or Duane at 586-949-3810.

The Annual Harvest Dinner is one of the main fund-raisers of the year for the historical society. Last year we raised over a million dollars (not really, just checking to see if anybody is still reading this). Actually, we have been able use proceeds to help maintain the Historical Village, and help with many of the society's projects.

In between music and eating, there will be silent auctions, with donations of great items to be had for great prices -probably worth the donation price by itself.

Society Will Celebrate Christmas With Open Schoolhouse Saturday December 7 and Annual Poinsettia Sale



The Weller Schoolhouse in the historical village will be open on the first Friday of December, the sixth, at 7:00 p.m. This annual

event is done in conjunction with the township's annual tree lighting event. We serve hot chocolate and cookies and there is singing of Christmas carols,

sometimes assisted by some of area's great voices! All are invited. The society will again hold its holiday poinsettia sale. The forms are on pages 5 and 6.



Deadline to buy bricks is October 24, 2013. See page 3 for more details.



New Patch! See back page.

Saluting Our Volunteers and Donors!



Brianna Miller and Rebecca Joseph (above photo).

Winnie Rooke, pictured below, donated the rope bed that is in the log cabin. She used to sleep in it as a young child visiting her grandparents in New Baltimore.



Lydia and Hannah Vennard (left) helped with washing and making apple cider both days of Heritage Days..

The active displays were well-manned by the volunteers pictured above and below.

Thanks Everyone!



On the right are some of the Ste. Claire Voyageurs who re-enact life as it was in the early days of the French fur traders in this area.

We were honored by World War II re-enactors in the Historical Village. Photos below and to extreme right.



New Acquisition:

- ◆ We have added the 1800s cemetery fence from the Hart (aka Chesterfield) Cemetery to the Historical Village, surrounding the shrub & electrical area. The fence was considered a lost cause until Roy Rivard convinced everyone it could be preserved. He worked on it until it is back in excellent shape. A special shout-out to Sam Grillo who spent a couple of days welding the fence. Thanks Roy and Sam!



- ◆ Hart was the second European settlement in Chesterfield Township, situated by the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks. (The first settlement was the French village of La Saline by the Salt River.) There was a post office for Hart, which was probably named for settler James Hart. There was already a post office named Hart, so to avoid confusion, the one at 25 Mile Road and Chesterfield Road was called Heart and existed from 1837-38, although the settlers had been there longer.



The deadline for brick orders this year is **OCTOBER 25, 2013**. Bricks must be purchased by October 25 in order to be in place in the path for the May 17, 2014 REMEMBRANCE. You can get order forms at the Township Offices, or call 586-504-0161 or e-mail Roy Rivard at royrivard@yahoo.com

Heritage Day in the Historical Village



Meeting Information

The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society's meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and are open to everyone! They take place at the Senior Center at the Chesterfield Township Office Complex, 47275 Sugarbush Rd. at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served. And 50/50 drawings conclude each meeting.

Like Us on Facebook! [Chesterfield Historical Society of Michigan](https://www.facebook.com/ChesterfieldHistoricalSocietyofMichigan)

(A special shout-out to Brenda Rivard, who does a GREAT job on the Facebook page.)

Check out our website: www.chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Civil War Re-Enactors Visit Historical Village on August 10th and 11th





2013 Christmas WREATH and Poinsettia Sale

**A fund raising event sponsored by the
Chesterfield Township History Society**

**Beautiful holiday wreaths and plants
Grown locally by Van Thomme's Greenhouses**

A single stem poinsettia plant in a 6"inch pot is available in red, white, pink \$10. Each

A double stem poinsettia plant in a 7"inch pot is available in red, white, pink \$19. Each

A triple stem poinsettia plant in a 8" inch pot is available in red, white, pink \$23.Each

A quad stem poinsettia plant in a 10"inch pot is available in red, white, pink \$45.Each

Wreaths

A 12" fresh pine wreath with pinecones is available with bow \$15.Each

A 14" fresh pine wreath with pinecones is available with bow \$18.Each

Cemetery

A 36" or 30" easel with fresh pine with pinecones & bow \$25.eACH

BULK SALE FOR GIFTS, WEDDING, SHOWERS, Church AND COMPANY PARTY'S IS AVAILABLE
Information contact Dolly Allemon at ph. 586-465-0780, 9a.m-9p.m. or dallemon15@att.net

MAIL ORDERS: sent to: Chesterfield Township Historical Society, ATTN;
Kathy Vosburg, 47275 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield, MI. 48047. CHECKS
Payable in full must accompany order.

Deadline: to place an order is SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST. 20

ORDERS: ARE TO BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY December 3rd.,2013 from
11:30A.M. UNTIL 3 P.M. AT THE Chesterfield Township Municipal
Office Main Meeting Room, 47275 Sugarbush Rd., Chesterfield, Mi.48047



**2013 Chesterfield Township Historical Society
Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Sale**
Beautiful holiday wreaths and plants
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Number of Items	Size	Circle color choice	Price	Total
_____	6 inch pot single stem	Red White Pink	\$10.00	_____
_____	7 inch pot double stems	Red White Pink	\$19.00	_____
_____	8 inch pot triple stems	Red White Pink	\$23.00	_____
_____	10 inch pot quad stem	Red White Pink	\$45.00	_____
_____	12" fresh pine wreath with pinecones		\$15.00	_____
_____	14" fresh pine wreath with pinecones		\$18.00	_____
_____	30"or 36" fresh cemetery wreath with Easel		\$25.00	_____
ORDER TOTAL			\$	_____

Name _____ Phone _____ CELLO: _____

Address _____

CUT HERE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION FOR PICK UP AND YOUR RECEIPT

Size	Circle color choice	Price	Total
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_____ 10 inch pot quad stem	Red White Pink	\$45.00	_____
_____ 12 inch fresh pine wreath with pinecones		\$15.00	_____
_____ 14 inch fresh pine wreath with pinecones		\$18.00	_____
_____ 30-36 inch Cemetery with wreath & easel		\$25.00	_____
ORDER TOTAL			\$

CELLO PHONE 12/3/13 DOLLY ALLEMON 586-918-1026

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11:30a.m.to 3:00 A.M. AT CHESTERFIELD TOWSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICES MAIN
MEETING ROOM, 47275 SUGSRBUSH, RD. CHESTERFIELD, MI.**

Little Bit of History

Programs take place on the first Thursday of the month in the Conference Room of the Chesterfield Public Library at 57777 Patricia Street at 23 Mile Road and Gratiot..

Programs start at 6:30 p.m. and generally last until 7:15-7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, Kathy Vosburg will give a presentation on the life of Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman, a native of New Baltimore. Fifty years ago he was in the car when JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963.



A lecture by Dan Heaton on the early days of Selfridge Field will be on Thursday, December 5, 2013.

Dan Heaton, enlisted public affairs specialist for the 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard at Selfridge and author of a biography of Thomas Selfridge will discuss the early days of Selfridge Field.

Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society Membership Types and Annual Dues

Student \$5.00

Individual \$15.00

Family \$25.00

Business/Organization \$30.00

Individual Life \$100.00

Family Life \$150.00

Membership expires one year from when first paid. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings.

In Memoriam:

We have again lost some members. We sorrowfully remember:

Mary Kathleen Darden-She was a long time member, and companion and business partner to historical society co-founder George Furton. She was a partner and real estate broker at George Furton Realty in Chesterfield, Michigan for over 40 years. She was also a licensed pilot.



Mary Jane Howitt-Long-time charter member and spouse of historical society co-founder Don Howitt. She was 71.

Mary Hortos: Early historical society member, she contributed to the Chesterfield book and often presented during Little Bit of History programs at the Chesterfield Library, among many other contributions.



We will miss them.



We have a patch to commemorate your visit to the Historical Village-only \$2.00!